

LONGEVITY OF MAN.

People Who Have Attained to Remarkable Old Age.

It was Prof. Hufeland's opinion that the limit of possible human life may be set at two hundred years—this on the general principle, that the St. Louis Republic, that the life of nearly all living creatures is eight times the years, months or weeks of the period of growth. That which quickly comes to maturity quickly perishes, and the earlier complete development is reached the sooner hoilily decay ensues. More women reach old age than men, but more men attain remarkable longevity than women.

Horned animals live shorter lives than those without horns, force longer than timid, and amphibious creatures longer than those which inhabit the air. The pile will collect a few years, for one hundred and fifty or one hundred and seventy-five years, and the common turtle is good for at least a century. Posing up the scale of life to man and skipping the patriarchs we find many recorded instances of extraordinary longevity.

The ancient Egyptians lived three times as long as the modern lived eaters. Instances of surprising and authentic longevity among the classic Greeks and Romans are not at all rare. Pliny notes the fact that in the reign of Emperor Vespasian (79 A. D.) there were 134 men living in a limited area on the River Po who were 100 years old and upward. Three of these were 140 and seven others over 150. Cleopatra's wife lived to be 105, and the Roman actress Lucilla played in public after she had celebrated her one hundred and twelfth birthday.

A NOTED MISSION IN LONDON.

Founded by Frederick Charrington, Who Did Not Fear to be Disheartened.

The other Sunday night at the Charrington mission, which is held in a long, narrow room, double galleried all around, the coughing (from the fog) was more like Fourth of July with conglomerate firecrackers, church bells and cannonading than one would conceive as possible issuing from a merely human assembly, says a London correspondent of the Hartford Courant. Just a word about this Charrington mission, which is a feature of the end of Frederick Charrington belongs to a wealthy family of brewers. About seventeen years ago he began to do a sort of street missionary work in East London, near his father's brewery. His father threatened to disinherit him, but finally let him a share, though not a full share, in the business. Once, on being taunted on the street with wearing the blue ribbon—"what does it cost you to wear that ribbon?"—he was able to reply: "A hundred thousand dollars." He sold out his interest in the brewery to his brothers and built in Mile End road the great assembly hall, which had been projected but never begun by Keith-Palmer. Every Sunday night three thousand or more people gather at the evangelistic service of the mission, and its fellowship society, with the constant religious educational and entertainment work, including at the great assembly hall, makes it a power for good in a district which contains a number of powers for evil.

THE TERM "YANKEE."

Various Theories Which Have Been Advanced as to its Origin.

The theories which have been advanced as to the origin of the name "Yankees" are numerous. According to Thierney, it was a corruption of Jaidin, a diminutive of John, which the Dutch colonists of New York to their neighbors in the Connecticut settlements.

In a history the American war written by Dr. William Gordon and published in 1789 was another theory. Dr. Gordon said that it was a cant word in Cambridge, Mass., as early as 1713, used to denote special excellence—as a Yankee good horse, Yankee good elder, etc. He supposed that it was originally a byword of the soldiers, and being taken by the students into parts of the country gradually obtained general currency in New England, and at length came to be taken up in other parts of the country and applied to New Englanders as a term of slight reproach.

Auburn, an English writer, says that it is derived from a Cherokee word—cankée—which signifies coward and slave. This epithet was heaped upon the inhabitants of New England by the Virginians for not assisting them in a war with the Cherokees. The most probable theory, however, is that advanced by Mr. Hockewelder—that the Indians in endeavoring to pronounce the word English, or Anglians, made it Yengoes or Yengues and thus originated the term.

Water Level of Two Oceans.

When the Panama canal was first proposed, there was a great cry about the dangers connected in opening up such a "gulf," some extreme declaring that the "lives of millions of human beings were at stake." This general alarm was caused by the argument that the waters on the Pacific side of the isthmus were hundreds of feet higher than were those on the Atlantic side, and that the great rise in the water to even up the difference in the level of the two oceans would drown all Southern America and most of Mexico and Yucatan. World-famous engineers and sensational editors passed their opinions or wrote editorials on the subject. It now transpires, as a result of actual survey, that the Atlantic and not the Pacific, is the higher of the two oceans, and that in place of the difference being hundreds of feet, as had been affirmed, the surface of the water on the east side of the isthmus is exactly six and one-half feet higher than it is on the western side.

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